

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## One Hundred Years Ago.

### THE U. S. AND GREAT BRITAIN

Shall They Be Peaceful Or Shall They Be At War Again?

An idea prevails among many of our citizens, that the peace with England will not be of long duration; that her jealousy of and hostility towards this country will impel her once more, and not at a very distant day to hurl the gauntlet in our teeth, and to open wide again the temple of Janus.

We fondly hope these anticipations are unfounded. We fondly hope that England will understand her true interests better—that she will allow us to spread the mantle of oblivion over the injuries we have received; and that she will cultivate our friendship by kindness and reciprocity of good offices and charities of a liberal intercourse, dictated by a sound policy, and her vital interests. The hideous wounds that our natural pride, our honor, our independence and dearest rights have received, deep and festering as they are, may be clarified in time. We may, and we hope will, forget that we once were enemies. But this demand entirely. This country may again be provoked to war. But we feel a proud and confident hope it will not afford just provocation for entering into one of those profitable contests which shall do the other the most harm.

In effect, were the affairs of nations conducted with even a moderate degree of peace and civility, there would be little reason for apprehension. However lamentable therefore it might be, it would not be very astonishing if the evil genius of Great Britain should impel her once more to hostilities. Should that event take place, it will be the most dire insanity.

There are strong inducements for Great Britain to cultivate peace with this country independently of the immensely lucrative commerce she carries on with us.

Should this paper ever find its way to any man who has a voice in the councils of Great Britain, should the writer's countryman, Lord Castlereagh, or the Marquis of Wellesley condescend to cast an eye on these pages, we wish it to be strongly and indelibly impressed on their minds, that so surely as war takes place, between the countries, British commerce will suffer as much destruction in one year, as it formerly suffered in half a century. One consequence of the late war into which she fabulously goaded us, was that we found that child she is vulnerable, and we have also made the all important discovery of the most unerring means of annoyance. Achilles had a tender heel. He was everywhere else invulnerable. Ten Hector's, ten Sarpentons and ten Trolls, uniting their forces could not with their javelins affect the apple of his eye. But a woman or a child could inflict a mortal wound in the heel.

Great Britain in like manner, has her tender heel. That heel is her commerce. While this is uninterrupted she laughs to scorn the efforts of her enemies. She is elsewhere invulnerable. Commerce furnishes her with means to subsidize one half of the civilized Europeans to oppress the other.

(To Be Continued.)

## Fifty Years Ago.

### DEATH OF MAYOR CLAPP.

We regret to be obliged to announce the death of Hon. S. C. Clapp, Mayor of this city. He expired at 2 o'clock this morning. His illness had been long and at times very severe; and although, his condition, for a number of days, has been alarming, yet hopes were entertained until yesterday that he might rally and safely pass the critical period in his disease. But the hope proved delusive. Mr. Clapp has been a resident among us only a few years; but during that residence has become generally known and was highly respected for his gentlemanly deportment and excellent social qualities. His remains are to be taken to Greenwood cemetery on Friday, for interment.

**HONORS TO MAYOR CLAPP.**  
Whereas, it has pleased God in his mysterious wisdom to remove from our midst HON. STILMAN S. CLAPP, late Mayor of the City of Bridgeport; and

Whereas, it is becoming and proper that the citizens of this city, of which he was the Chief Executive Magistrate, should have an opportunity of testifying their respect for his memory, and their high appreciation of his character as a man and a Christian; I, therefore, respectfully recommend that all places of business throughout the city be CLOSED ON FRIDAY, the 16th instant, from the hours of 2:30 o'clock to 5 p. m., and that the bells of the various churches be tolled from 8 a. m. to three o'clock this morning. It was my privilege to form his acquaintance soon after he came to reside among us in 1859. I always found him a perfect gentleman, humane, liberal in his feelings, benevolent in his actions and in every way a most excellent citizen. His loss will be severely felt, not only by his family, and by the church of which he was an exemplary member, but by this body over which he so recently presided, and by the whole community. His funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Whatever measures it may be proper for this Council to take, I trust will be readily adopted.

On motion of Alderman Wood and Councilmen Pendleton and Kelsey were appointed a committee to prepare a set of resolutions for the consideration of the Council.

## Twenty Years Ago.

**ALDERMAN IN THE 12th DISTRICT.**  
The friends of Councilman David J. O'Rourke in the Twelfth district are insisting that he shall return as the representative from that territory. Mr. O'Rourke has served three years in the Common Council. He has decided to accept the renomination if his constituents see fit to honor him with the same. It is said that John Rottley of Stratford avenue is a candidate for the office.

**AGED HORSE FALLS.**  
A horse belonging to Jeremiah Harrington, the East Main street baker, fell in Broad street this noon, and was unable to rise owing to his old age. The driver made repeated efforts to get the horse on his feet and keep him from falling, but in vain. He left the animal. Word was sent to the police station and Captain George Arnold went out and finding that the animal was practically worthless shot it and ended its agony.

**"ERIN'S HISTORIC HONOR."**  
"Erin's Historic Honor" is the subject of an address in honor of the Apostle of the Irish race, to be given by Dr. Michael St. Mary's, Milford, Monday evening. The lecture will be preceded by a sacred concert. The church will doubtless be crowded as the reverend gentleman is very popular.

Among those who will assist in the concert which will precede the lecture are Miss Gertrude Caffery, who assisted Miss Gaffney in this address, the popular "Mother Goose Quadrille" a year ago; Joseph Cridde, the popular basso; and Mr. Carey, who is to sing J. T. Walsh's "The Irish Republic." It is hoped that Miss Gaffney can be secured.

**LAWYERS' BANQUET.**  
The Bridgeport Bar association held their 17th annual dinner at the Atlantic hotel last evening, which if you do not "catch on," means the 17th annual banquet. They had a good bill of fare and a witty toast card. As reporters were invited to stay away, it is possible that the oratory was not expected to be worth reporting. About fifty of the local attorneys took part. The new officers were: President, Robert E. DeForest; vice president, A. P. Beers; treasurer, J. W. Thompson; secretary, W. H. Kelsey; committee for next annual banquet, John W. Barker, F. W. Tracy, George E. Hill, A. M. Wooster and J. B. Klein.

**BUILDING PERMITS.**  
At the meeting of the Building Commissioners last evening the following permits were granted: Amelia Streck, frame house, Connecticut avenue; C. F. Pettie, frame addition, Pleasant street; J. D. Toomey, Sr., frame barn, Wordin avenue; John J. Stevens, frame building, Boarder street; Marsh Bros., frame dwellings, Norman street, Iranistan, Wood and Laurel avenues. Aggregate value, \$13,775.

## THAT BET AGAIN.

Editor of the Farmer:  
In regard to the betting controversy, Messrs. Kenny and Graether desire Col. T. J. Murphy to state whether or not he and John Reilly would have taken their money if Peter Mac had won. We have no doubt Murphy would have taken it, as it was his money that was up, and not John Reilly's. Although the Morning Union excused Murphy and placed technicalities underneath him to prevent him from getting hurt by his fall. We feel justified in saying that in regard to honor and principle in sporting matters, with Messrs. Reilly and Murphy there is no choice.

M. A. KENNY.

F. GRAETHER.

## THE LUCKY THIRTEEN.

The thirteen bachelor members of the Contemporary club will entertain the society next Thursday evening, when the picture play of "Miss Jack" will be given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. It promises to be one of the pleasantest meetings of the club this season.

## TRAIN AND HORSE COLLIDE.

The flying express from New York that goes through this city at 11 o'clock hit and fatally injured a horse belonging to Thomas Reilly of Helen street. Reilly, with other truckmen, were carting snow and dumping it into the harbor at the steamboat dock. He had just emptied his wagon and was putting in the tail-board when the express came along. The horse became frightened at the sound of the approaching train and he walked out onto the tracks. Before he could be stopped he was struck by the locomotive. It is said that the animal will die in a day or two. Mr. Reilly feels his loss keenly. He has no means to replace the horse.

## GEORGE MOORE'S GOOD WORK.

East End people are to-day complimenting Truckman George Moore. He was out before daylight this morning with his snow plow cleaning walks leading to the shops and other places. This act of kindness was greatly appreciated by the public in general, including the sidewalk adjoining the premises they occupy.

## DEATH OF MRS. JOHN HOPE.

The death of Margaret A. Gagan, wife of ex-Assistant Health Officer John J. Hope, occurred day before yesterday at her home, 44 Jones avenue, after a brief illness with pneumonia. The deceased was 28 years old and leaves besides her husband, a daughter. She was a highly respected parishioner of St. Augustine's church.

## SALOON KEEPERS SCORED.

At the early mass in Sacred Heart church yesterday, Father O'Brien, the pastor, paid his respects to all that class of saloon keepers who are continually defying the law by keeping their places open on Sundays. He said such men, who were always talking of their Catholic principles were in reality the worst foes of the church, and did the religion more harm than any other influence he knew. There was no mistaking the meaning of Father O'Brien's remarks and it brooded no good to the persons referred to.

# WORLD WAR BRINGS GREAT PROSPERITY TO JAP SH.PPING.

Immense Fortunes Made By Owners of Freight Steamers.

Tokio, March 14.—The great boom and prosperity for Japanese shipping as a result of the war is being taken advantage of here to the utmost. Fortunes are making in the shipping business and prices for freight steamers have risen to practically limitless figures.

The continuing demand for more ships has induced the Japanese Department of Communications to estimate the exact situation of Japanese shipping. The investigation shows that Japan's progress is not due to the war alone, though it has of course been immensely stimulated by it, but has been going on for the last fifteen years. Japan now has 2,132 vessels of over twenty tons register with a total tonnage of 1,604,900 while the number of vessels of over 1,000 tons is 415 with a total tonnage of 1,331,308. There are 66 merchant steamships, each of 5,000 tons, or over, now sailing under the flag of Japan. Six new freight-carrying steamships have been launched within a month.

The shortage of shipbuilding material is being felt in all docks, but as far as the stock is available the work is being pushed on day and night and some ship owners have been offered prizes for the completion of a ship before contract date. A striking example of quick building was the steamer Taisio Maru, recently completed for the Hokuo Steamship Co. which was launched within three months and a half after the laying of the keel, and trimmed for navigation in three weeks. That a ship of 3,000 tons was completed in such a short period is a record in the annals of Japanese shipbuilding.

Japan's great commercial fleet has come into existence since 1884 when Japan really began to build ships of iron. For a period of about 200 years, between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, the building of vessels of over 50 tons net was prohibited by the government and it was not until the arrival of Commodore Perry from the United States that Japan became awakened to the necessity of laying down ocean-going vessels. The first steel vessel was built in 1890.

In recent weeks the ocean trade has shown signs of increasing activity and everywhere is heard complaint of shortage of tonnage. In the cement market, for example, the paucity of freight space has caused a big congestion. At the Mofu alone 50,000 barrels consigned to Singapore are waiting for ships to take them away. The congestion in cement is partly due to a controversy over carrying rates, the shippers offering 75 cents per barrel as against 45 cents some time ago. The shipping companies are standing out for a dollar a barrel. Similar disputes are arising weekly in other lines of goods as the boom in trade advances.

On the New York-Yokohama and Shanghai line the boom is now at its height on account of the temporary closing of the Panama Canal and the prolongation of the route. Return ing to the Far East the vessels from the United States are loaded with war munitions for Russia.

On the Bombay route trade is more active than ever because the Japanese cotton trade in India and other goods is progressing with wonderful rapidity. On the outward trips every liner has her hold full of miscellaneous articles for India and on the homeward voyages her cotton fills up every inch of space. The average rate per ton has ruled at 25 yen or about \$12.50 during the past week.

A new method has been adopted by some shipowners who have made the most of the recent shipping boom to stabilize their position against possible reaction after the war is over. It consists in floating a big banking establishment designed to deal in all forms of loans secured on the mortgage of ships. The project has already assumed a definite form.

The house under contemplation will have its headquarters in Kobe and branches in some important cities interested in there. The authorized capital will probably be \$5,000,000.

## SAGE FOUNDATION EXPERT TALKS HERE

About 125 principals and teachers of the grammar schools last night heard Arthur P. Richardson deliver an interesting address on the "Pressing Problems in Elementary Education." Mr. Richardson is acting director of the department of education of the Russell Sage Foundation. He discussed problems from many charts and surveys made by the organization.

The Ohio Oil Co. advanced the price of Plymouth crude oil 5 cents a barrel to \$1.53.

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# SCHOOL BOARD PICKS MEMBERS FOR FACULTIES

Assistant Drawing Instructor and Librarian Are Elected at Meeting.

Sarah L. Masterson was chosen assistant drawing instructor and Frances H. Bickford was chosen librarian for the new high school at the meeting of the board of education last night. Four grade teachers were elected and the resignation of one grade teacher accepted. These grade teachers were chosen: Franklin school, Nina M. Webster, salary \$700; Walkersville school, Juliet Brayton, \$300; Staples school, Alice B. Carey, \$700; Eloise Hynes, \$650.

Commissioner DeLoss made no report on the proposed section of the commission government charter which will preserve the board of education with a reduced personnel. He has not yet decided whether he favors a board of five or seven members. Some members of the board desire a joint meeting with the commission that is drafting the commission form of government in order that all may present their views. President Havens of the board is to endeavor to arrange such a meeting very shortly.

The board voted that in future it will pass on each application for the use of the assembly room of the high school. The Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce was given permission to use the room for its annual meeting on April 3.

Plans for the proposed Wayne school were displayed by Architect Frederick Cooper and discussed by the board members.

## Villa Only a Bandit, Says Informed Mexican



"PANCHO" VILLA  
MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADER

"Who is back of Villa in your opinion in the carrying out of this border warfare?" Manuel Calero, former Mexican ambassador to the United States and former Mexican minister of foreign affairs, was asked. He replied: "I doubt if he has any backing of any kind beyond his own savage desire for what he considers the treatment accorded him by the government that until a few months ago he considered his friend. It is all, in my opinion, the rage of a desperado, a madman if you wish. You must remember that until six months ago Villa considered himself the pet of the U. S. A. and then all of a sudden Villa was kicked out of his high place and once more found himself what he really is, just a madman and a bandit, who ought to be destroyed."

## MANY RELATIVES NAMED IN MRS. SHANLEY'S WILL.

One-sixth of her \$3,000 estate, Mary Lane bequeaths to her old friend, Mrs. John Shanley, of Linn avenue, this city. The remainder she distributes among her relatives. Her will was offered for probate yesterday. To her cousin, Mrs. Coughlin, of Yonkers, she leaves \$1,000. To daughters of Mrs. Coughlin, she leaves the following bequests: To Mary, \$500, and to Nellie and Anna \$200 each. To Mrs. Alfred Seelinger of Jones avenue, this city, she leaves \$15, and \$15 each to Lillian and Margaret, daughters of Mrs. Seelinger. Rev. William F. Blake, pastor of St. Thomas' R. C. church, is bequeathed \$50. The remainder is to be divided share and share alike between Mrs. Coughlin and her daughter, Thomas M. Cullinan is executor.

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# TRAINING CAMP AT GEORGIA TO OPEN APRIL 3

Prominent Men Will Drill And Exercise at Southern Military School.

New York, March 13.—The names of some 200 men, many of them prominent in various walks of life, who have enrolled for the first Southern military training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., next month, were given out today at Governor's Island, the headquarters of the Department of the East. The encampment at Fort Oglethorpe will be along the lines of the one held at Plattsburg, N. Y., last summer, which proved so successful as to have apparently become an annual fixture. The Southern camp will open on April 3, and from then on till the 30th of June there will be three camps, each continuing for a month. A junior division will also encamp at Fort Oglethorpe from July 5 to August 8.

Major-General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, will be present for a week or more at the opening of the camp, and will give it his personal attention throughout. The commander will be Lieut.-Col. Henry T. Allen, of the Eleventh United States Cavalry, who was recently on duty with the General Staff at Washington. The lieutenant-colonel was formerly military attaché in Berlin and Petrograd; he was organizer of the Philippine Constabulary with the rank of brigadier-general, and was one of the leaders of the first expedition to locate Mount McKinley in Alaska. He is well known as a polo player, a race rider, and hunter.

Fort Oglethorpe is just across the border from Chattanooga, Tenn., and the site of the camp for the civilians will be on the famous battlefield of Chichamauga, not far from Lookout Mountain.

Fort Oglethorpe is now garrisoned by the Eleventh United States Cavalry, and since the terrain is peculiarly suited for the purpose, special emphasis will be placed on work in field artillery and cavalry. Men who are familiar with horses will be permitted to enter directly into a special course in cavalry training throughout the period of camp. This fact has appealed strongly to southerners.

The partial roster that was issued yesterday at Governor's Island was supplemented later possibly by other lists, but no attempt will be made to publish the entire enrollment, as it is anticipated it will be nearly as large as the camp at Plattsburg, last year. This first list includes: Commodore Gihney, Robert A. Bridgeport; Farland, Max, New Haven.

## MOOSE ENTERTAIN AT LOCAL LODGE ROOMS

The Moose held a gala night at their lodge rooms on Main street last night, at which the women friends were made welcome. A large entertainment program was provided, with professional and amateur talent. Among the features of the occasion was a young lion whelp, which attracted much attention and gave an exhibition of drinking milk from a bottle. An address of welcome was made by Dictator C. L. Dennis, R. L. Phelps told of Mooseheart, the home of the Moose orphanage. The Caplin entertainment company of Hartford provided the musical and dramatic entertainment which was aided by a number of violin students of the Bernhard studio.

## CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KONCKAPOTANAUS

The twenty-first birthday of the Konckapotaun tribe, No. 30, I. O. R. M., will be celebrated this evening at the rooms of the lodge, 1087 Broad street. The adoption degree will be conferred on several candidates. Chiefs from other cities in the state will come here, it is expected.

## BROTHERHOOD BANQUET TONIGHT AT M. B. CHURCH

The Brotherhood of Memorial Baptist church, Howard and Maplewood avenues, will have a banquet tonight at 7 o'clock. Mr. Coe of Bristol will give an interesting address. Tickets have been on sale for the past week and the prospects are bright for a very enjoyable evening and plenty to eat. Come out and make yourself one of them.

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6 Salt Mackerel.....25c	Red Alaska Salmon.....
Salt Cod Bits..2 lbs 25c	.....3 cans 50c
3 cans Pink Salmon..25c	Shad Roes in tins.....25c
2 cans Tuna Fish.....25c	Canned Shad.....
3 cans Tuna Fish.....25c	.....10c can, 3 cans 25c
Large cans Tuna Fish 22c	Crab Meat 25c & 35c can
Salt Salmon.....15c lb	Clover Leaf Salmon, flat
Salt Lake Trout..12c lb	.....13c and 24c

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